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SUBJ: REPORTED SOVIET EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH UAE

REF: ABU DHABI 0843

1. RE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
SOVIET UNION AND UAE, QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED ARTICLE
APRIL 14 REPORTING SOVIET EFFORTS TO DO JUST THAT. INFORMATION
IN ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO ABU DHABI PAPER "AL WATHBA" AND
PRESUMABLY RELATED TO INTERVIEW WITH SHAYKH ZAYID REPORTED
REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING "AL ARAB" ARTICLE, MEETINGS HADMHEEN HELD ON
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SUBJECT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF TWO COUNTRIES RECENTLY AND SOVIET

ENRBY HAD VISITED UAE.
REPORT STATED THAT SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO
ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT "COMMERCIAL
COOPERATION" WITH GULF STATES, ESPECIALLY UAE.

3. PAPER ALLEGED THAT UAE OFFICIALS DO NOT RPT NOT OPPOSE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH
SUCH ACTION SHOULD WAIT FOR AN "APPROPRIATE TIME." ARTICLE
FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN QUERIED ON SUBJECT, OFFICIAL UAE
SOURCE HAD REFUSED TO COMMENT BUT HAD REMARKED THAT UAE WISHED
TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD VAGUE REPORTS THAT IN RECENT MONTHS
SOVIETS HAVE ALSO MADE INDIRECT APPROACH TO GOQ RE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND HAD BEEN REBUFFED. QATARI "POLICY"
ON SUBJECT IS THAT UNTIL SAUDI ARABIA SEES FIT TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, QATAR AND OTHER GULF
STATES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING SO.
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